
Community, Economic, & Human Development Committee
May 5, 2005

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THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC, & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. AUDIO CASSETTE TAPE OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The Community, Economic, & Human Development Committee held its meeting at the Los Angeles Athletic Club in downtown Los Angeles. The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Bowlen, at 10:32 a.m. There was a quorum.

Members Present

Arguello, Daniel	SGVCOG
Bowlen, Paul (Vice Chair)	City of Cerritos
Coerper, Gil	City of Huntington Beach
Davert, Doug	City of Tustin
Jasper, Timothy	City of Apple Valley
McCallon, Larry	City of Highland
McCullough, Kathryn	OCCOG
Nowatka, Paul	City of Torrance
Poe, Marilyn	City of Los Alamitos
Richardson, Laura	City of Long Beach
White, Charles	WRCOG Subregion

Members Not Present

Campbell, Todd	City of Burbank
Dispenza, Mike	City of Palmdale
Foat, Ginny	CVAG Subregion
Hofmeyer, Daryl	City of Paramount
Krause, Mary Ann	City of Santa Paula
Loveridge, Ronald	City of Riverside
McSweeney, Susan	City of Westlake
Norby, Chris	Orange County
Perry, Jan	City of Los Angeles
Reyes, Ed	City of Los Angeles
Robertson, Deborah (Chair)	City of Rialto
Yousefian, Bob	City of Glendale

New Members

Dan Kirby	San Gabriel Valley COG
Mike Ten	San Gabriel Valley COG
Paula Lantz	City of Pomona

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1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Bowlen called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m. Vice Chair Bowlen welcomed new members to the Committee: Dan Kirby, San Gabriel Valley COG; Mike Ten, San Gabriel Valley COG, and Paula Lantz.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Todd Priest with BIA of So. California was called upon to give his public comments on item 5.2 Housing and Transportation Legislative Package: SB 832, SB 575, SB 44 and SB 521. Mr. Priest had comments on SB 44, recommend the Committee not support the bill.

3.0 REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

None

4.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

The following consent calendar items were approved without objection.

4.1 Approval Item

4.1.1 Minutes of the April 7, 2005 meeting

4.2 Receive and File

4.2.1 State and Federal Legislative Matrix

4.2.2 SCAG Future Events Calendar

4.2.3 2007 RTP Growth Forecast Update
Request for Assistance from
Subregions

Guest Speaker: Con Howe, Director of Planning for the City of Los Angeles

Joe Carreras, SCAG Staff, introduced the General Assembly Guest Speaker Con Howe, Director of Planning for the City of Los Angeles.

Mr. Howe gave a presentation highlighting the Los Angeles City General Plan and smart growth housing initiatives in the City of Los Angeles such as the Adaptive Reuse Ordinance that makes it possible to convert many beautiful, historic buildings into apartments and condominiums by waiving modern zoning requirements that were difficult to apply to historic buildings. The city has adopted several "Transit-Oriented District" plans, which increase density, reduce parking requirements, and establish design and development standards to create inviting, mixed-use urban

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neighborhoods, such as Avenue 57 in Highland Park and around the Vermont Avenue red line stops in Hollywood.

Mr. Howe then addressed how to prepare while balancing general plan neighborhood issues. In the case of the City of Los Angeles they work with each community to identify local neighborhood based issues and solutions. In planning terms long range and larger scale visions have to be translated to local levels in order to be meaningful.

After discussion the Committee thanked Mr. Howe for his presentation.

5.0 ACTION ITEMS

5.1 2% Strategy Demonstration Projects/Suite of Services Selection Criteria

Acting Chair Bowlen then introduced John Fregonese of FCA to present the staff report on the Selection Criteria for Compass 2% Demonstration Cities and the Suite of Services. John gave a power point presentation detailing the work done to date on the three 04-05 Demonstration Cities (Ontario, Upland and South Pasadena) and the upcoming partnership with the new Inland Empire ULI Opening Session Workshop in May 2005.

Using these four projects and the lessons learned from them; John then reviewed the types of tools and technical services that would be available next fiscal year. He reviewed suggested criteria for site selection of the next demonstration cities, and stressed that participation in the program is voluntary on the part of the cities.

The Chair opened the item up for discussion. Several committee members discussed the need for equitable criteria so small cities can effectively compete against larger cities. Further comments expressed concern that cities with small staff would not be able to apply if the application process is overly burdensome or complicated.

At the request of the Chair, Lynn Harris, SCAG staff explained that all application materials and directions are anticipated to be available on the Compass website by July 1, 2005 and that staff envisioned two levels of applications: first, applications for site specific analysis such as tipping point or visualization tools that would be handled in-house on a first come first served basis by designated SCAG staff. And second, the demonstration projects, which would be selected using the criteria under discussion today.

She reminded the Committee of previous CEHD Committee items that reviewed every city and county in the region and how many of the cities had opportunity areas as defined in the Compass program and suggested this also be in the criteria as a way of focusing on the regional benefits of the program instead of looking at small cities vs.

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larger or large cities. The Committee concurred. Ms. Harris further stated the applications themselves were not envisioned to be overly burdensome but that SCAG technical staff would be available to assist with applications.

After further discussion on whether or not redevelopment agencies were criteria (no) and a clarification that SCAG's tools were not to be used or construed as advocacy on the part of SCAG of any project or plan the Chair asked for a motion.

Action: It was moved by Councilmember Poe and seconded by Councilmember Coerper and passed unanimously to approve the selection criteria as recommended.

5.2 Housing and Transportation Legislative Package: SB 832, SB 575, SB 44 and SB 521

Tonya Gorham, SCAG Staff, gave a summary of the bill package which includes: SB 832 (Perata/Torlakson/Lowenthal) CEQA – Infill development; SB 575 (Torlakson) Housing Development Projects; SB 521 (Torlakson) Local Planning-Transit Oriented Development; and SB 44 (Kehoe) General Plans – Air Quality Elements. The package of bills aims to combat sprawl, reduce traffic, maintain open space and farmland, and improve air quality in California.

After further discussion with the Committee members expressed a concern for supporting all the bills as one package. In particular, there was opposition to SB 44 as expressed by Councilmember McCullough and a Mr. Todd Priest a representative of the BIA of Southern California. At the end of the discussion it was moved by Councilmember Coerper and seconded by Councilmember McCullough and agreed unanimously by the Committee to vote on each bill separately.

The actions went as follows:

Action:

SB 832 was moved by Councilmember Coerper and seconded by Councilmember Poe and passed unanimously to approve support.

SB 575 was moved by Councilmember Poe and seconded by Councilmember Coerper and passed unanimously to approve support.

SB 521 was moved by Councilmember Coerper and seconded by Councilmember Poe and passed unanimously to approved support.

SB 44 was moved by Councilmember McCullough and seconded by Councilmember McCallon to oppose support, it was unanimously approved.

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In closing, Ms. Gorham announced that she would be leaving the organization so this would be her last presentation. The Committee wished her well and thanked Tonya for her hard work on their behalf.

6.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

6.1 Compass Partnership

Mark Butala, SCAG Staff, gave a brief status report on the Compass Partnership. Mr. Butala said the Compass Partnership will be established with representatives from both private and public sectors to serve as an extension of the Compass program into local communities.

The Partnership's goals are:

- Stimulate the 2% Strategy Implementation, Monitoring and Consensus Building activities.
- Mobilize private and non-profit interests to increase awareness and promote the Compass Regional Vision using their existing networks.
- Advise SCAG as a regional agency on potential opportunities for SCAG to assume a leadership role for Compass and other activities.
- Assist SCAG and the Regional Council in interacting with state and federal officials and agencies for policy development and legislative opportunities.

Mr. Butala this appointment would be made by President Roberts at the Regional Council meeting. He went on to say Compass Partnership will not be meeting on a monthly basis but on an as needed basis.

6.2 Results of the 5th Annual Regional Housing Summit

Joe Carreras, SCAG Staff, reported the 5th Annual Regional Housing Summit held on April 21, 2005, in Monrovia was a success in terms of audience, speakers, and feedback from those who attended. Mr. Carreras advised the Committee now would be a good time to start thinking of pre-planning for next's year summit. Mr. Carreras then turned the discussion over to Councilmember Nowatka.

Councilmember Nowatka said based on the evaluations they received, the Summit received good grades from the participants but also good input as to what should be done in the future. Councilmember Nowatka took the time to thank the Subcommittee, Councilmember Kathryn McCullough and Councilmember Mary Ann Lutz for their help with the Summit. Councilmember Nowatka thought it would be a good idea for the Committee to appoint a new Subcommittee for the next Summit in 2006. He then went on to say on behalf of the City of Torrance would like to be a cosponsor for the next Summit and to be considered as a possible site for the meeting.

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Vice Chair Bowlen thanked Councilmember Nowatka and the Subcommittee for their hard work on the Summit and directed staff to put this item on the next agenda.

After some discussion it was moved by Councilmember White and seconded by Councilmember McCullough and unanimously approved to hold the following items for the next Committee meeting.

6.3 Status Report re: 2007 RTP Growth Forecast: Recent Trends in Population and Employment and Implications for 2007 RTP Growth Forecast

6.4 Briefing on the California Economic Strategy Panel

6.5 Pre-planning for the November 2005 Economic Forecast Conference

7.0 CHAIR'S REPORT

None

8.0 STAFF REPORT

Lynn Harris, SCAG Staff, invited the Committee and especially the new members to stop by a take a look at the Compass 2% Strategy Demonstration table set up on the 3rd Floor. Secondly, in honor of the 40th Anniversary there is a mirror set up on the 3rd floor for members to please sign in honor of the occasion.

9.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None


10.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councilmember McCallon and seconded by Councilmember McCullough to adjourn at 11:23 a.m. There will not be a meeting in June. The next CEHD meeting will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 7, 2005 at the SCAG Office.

Action Minutes Approved by:


**Lynn Harris, Manager
Community Development**